



Curriculum Newsletter

Bramham Shadwell Federation
Class March-April 2021



All our learning in class this half term will be focused around the question:

'How did people treat each other in the past?'

English

- This half term we will be exploring writing non-chronological reports. The children will be learning an example of a good non-chronological report on pirates, then helping to write a report on sea creatures, before writing their own reports on a mythical sea creature of their own creation.
- We will continue to focus on using capital letters and appropriate punctuation and the children will also be reminded about neat handwriting and ensuring the relative size of their letters is correct.
- The children will also be learning to make plurals correctly using 's' and 'es' suffixes.
- In phonics, the children will continue to learn alternative pronunciations of known graphemes and will apply their existing phonic knowledge by decoding real and nonsense words.
- We will continue to practise the spelling of Year 1 high frequency words.

How can I help / information for helping

- Continue to share and enjoy books with your children at home. Discuss how the story is constructed – who are the characters? What is the setting?
- Discuss new words you come across in the books you read – are they adjectives, verbs or nouns? What do they mean? How are the spelt? What else could the author have used?
- Listen to your child read their school reading books and please remember to write a comment in their reading record so we know to change their book.
- When your child is writing at home, please encourage them to use the correct letter formation (if you need another letter formation sheet, please let us know).

Maths

- The children will begin their return to school with an exploration of mass, using balance scales.
- We will practise counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- We will be solving addition and subtraction word problems using the strategies they have already learned.
- The children will continue to develop their mental maths skills, specifically number bonds to 20.
- They will build upon their knowledge of place value to aid their mental addition and subtraction skills.

We will recap and consolidate the maths covered during the lockdown period through starter tasks, provision activities and one-off lessons.

How can I help / information for Helping

- Play counting games with your child.
- Pose practical maths problems – we are going to see Grandma on the 28th but today is the 19th; how many days until we go?
- Always ensure your child is pronouncing their numbers correctly – 'teen' and 'ty'.
- Practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.


KIRF Targets – Spring Term 2

- Know number bonds to 10
- Use number bonds to solve addition and subtraction problems to 10.

Topic	Science	P.E
<p>Focus is: Journeys of Exploration: Sir Francis Drake</p> <p>Skills / knowledge to be developed: This half term we will be learning about Sir Francis Drake and other explorers, such as Amelia Earhart, Captain Scott and Neil Armstrong. Children will learn about Drake's exploits as a privateer, his voyages of discovery and more about the lives of these incredible explorers.</p>	<p>Focus is: Animals, including humans</p> <p>Skills / knowledge to be developed: We will be continuing to learn about the human body and the five senses, exploring the sense of taste and smell. We will also consolidate the children's understanding of the vocabulary learnt this term.</p> <p>At the end of term the children will be completing a science based DT project, making a moving parts model of an animal or a human.</p> <p>We will continue to look at seasonal changes, in particular how day length varies through the year.</p> <p>Applied through: Research and scientific investigation. DT project.</p>	<p>Focus is: Throwing and Catching</p> <p>Skills / knowledge to be developed: We will be continuing to develop the children's throwing and catching skills using a range of equipment such as beanbags and different size balls</p>
<p>How can I help / information for helping Look at Drake's route around the world on a map – can your child name any of the countries he visited? If you have photos from trips to the seaside, try to spot boats in them and discuss how they are different to the types of ship used by the Great Explorers. If you find yourself in London (post Covid) you can go and visit the replica of Drake's ship- The Golden Hind.</p>	<p>How can I help / information for helping Discuss the parts of the human body and how they work. Challenge the children by using less common terms – can you touch your earlobe? Where are your kidneys? Discuss the 5 senses and talk about what you can see, smell, taste, feel and hear. Notice seasonal changes in your local environment.</p>	<p>How can I help / information for helping Please ensure your child comes to school in their outdoor PE kit every Monday. Thank you.</p>

Music	PSHE / MindMate	R.E.
<p>Focus is: Rhythm and Beat</p> <p>Skills / knowledge to be developed: This half term the children will be working with Mrs Crowley to develop their understanding of rhythm and beat through body percussion. These sessions will take place online.</p>	<p>Focus is: Our main focus will be the mental well-being of the children as they return to school and re-establish their relationships.</p> <p>We will also discuss what we put into and onto our bodies</p> <p>Skills / knowledge to be developed: The children will learn about what can go into our bodies and how it can make people feel and what we can put on our bodies and how it makes you feel.</p> <p>Applied through: Discussion / Circle time / debate</p>	<p>Focus is: Festivals / How do we care?</p> <p>Skills / knowledge to be developed: The children will be learning about Mother's Day, Holi (a Hindu festival) and Easter. The children will also be learning about the ways in which people care for one another, looking at those who care for them and how best to care for others.</p> <p>Applied through: Discussion / Circle time / debate</p>

<p>How can I help / information for Helping</p> <p>Listen to a variety of music with your child. Encourage them to sing along to their favourite songs and to clap out the beat.</p>	<p>How can I help / information for Helping</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any concerns about your child's mental well-being. Talk about the benefits and dangers of medicines. Spot danger symbols on medicines and household items. Look out for berries and plants in the garden and discuss what is edible and what is not and what to do if you are unsure.</p>	<p>How can I help / information for Helping</p> <p>Talk about any festivals your family celebrates.</p>
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Homework	Any Other Information / Dates for the Diary
<p>There will be no formal homework sent home until after the Easter holidays.</p> <p>We will continue to send reading books home each day for you to share with your child and will change books every Tuesday and Friday.</p> <p>Please also continue to use Mathletics.</p>	<p>Friday 19th March- Red Nose Day</p>  <p>Please ensure that your child has a <u>named</u> water bottle in school every day. They must remember to take it home every evening to wash the bottle and bring it in to school already full. This will ensure that the bottles are kept clean and germ-free for the children's use each day.</p>

Thank you, as always, for your continuous help and support. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us or make an appointment at the office to arrange a phone call after school.

Miss Allen, Mrs Legault and Mrs Sohal

